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PASS AGRICULTURE

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SUBJECT: MY CALL ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

MINISTER DALSAGER

SUMMARY: IN MY INITIAL CALL ON MINISTER DALSAGER HE EXPRESSED
RELIEF THAT THE CHEESE ISSUE BETWEEN THE EC AND US HAD BEEN
RESOLVED AND HIS HOPE THAT DANISH CANNED HAMS WOULD NOT BE
SIMILARLY AFFECTED. HE ALSO TALKED OF HIS CONCERN FOR THE DANISH
FISHING INDUSTRY, WHICH IS FEELING THE IMPACT OF LOWER FISH
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MEAL PRICES, REDUCED FISHING STOCKS AND THE INCREASING LIMITA-

TIONS ON INTERNATIONAL FISHING. HE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT OF UNDER-SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAMPBELL AND I TOLD HIM WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT HE IS PLANNING TO COME TO THE US THIS FAL. END SUMMARY.

1. MY FIRST MEETING WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WAS A PLEASANT ONE WITH A TONE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON ALL ISSUES. I TOLD HIM I WAS PLEASED THE CHEESE ISSUE HAD BEEN RESOLVED THROUGH GIVE-AND-TAKE ON BOTH SIDES. HE TOO SAID HE WAS RELIEVED THAT IT IS BEHIND US AND EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME, EVEN THOUGH DENMARK MAY SUFFER A SUBSTANTIAL MARKET REDUCTION IN THE US FOR ITS PROCESSING CHEESE AS A RESULT OF IT. HE QUICKLY ADDED THAT HE HOPED CANNED HAMS WOULD NOT RUN INTO SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND COMMENTED ON THE DIFFICULTY THE DANISH CANNED HAM INDUSTRY IS IN, PARTICULARLY IN FACE OF THE FALLING DOLLAR VALUE. I AGREED IN THE HOPE THAT AN ISSUE ON CANNED HAM CAN BE AVOIDED.

2. WE TOUCHED ON THE MULTITALTERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND BOTH OF US INDICATED OUR SATISFACTION THAT A FORMULA FOR DEALING WITH AGRICULTURE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

3. ON THE FISHERIES SIDE, WE DISCUSSED DENMARK'S CONCERN THAT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WOULD PLACE THE WATERS IN WHICH THIS COUNTRY TAKES ABOUT HALF OF ITS FISH WITHIN THE ZONES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THE MINISTER EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO WORK OUT RECIPROCITY WITH THE BRITISH BUT FEARS THAT NORWAY MAY PROVE DIFFICULT. HE FURTHER COMMEENTED ON THE PLIGHT OF THE REDUCTION INDUSTRY AS A RESULT OF LOW PRICES AND INSUFFICIENT STOCKS OF FISH TO HARVEST.

4. THE MINISTER IS PLEASED THAT UNDER-SECRETARY CAMPBELL WILL VISIT DENMARK. PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS WILL NOT PERMIT THE MINISTER TO COME TO MY DINNER FOR CAMPBELL BUT HE WILL HOST A LUNCH DURING THE VISIT. I TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE DELIGHZD THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD BE ABLE O VISIT THE US IN SEPTEMBER.

I SAID I HOPED HE WOULD HAVE TIME TO GO OUT INTO OUR PRODUCTION AREAS AS WELL AS VISIT WASHINGTON. HE SAID HE WAS ANXIOUS TO DO SO AS HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND, TYPICALLY SCANDINAVIAN, HE MENTIONED MINNESOTA AS ONE OF THE PLACES HE WANY TO GO.
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